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In re application of: HOUGHTON et al.

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Applicants submit this request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 for the above-identified application.

- [X] Please consider the following submission(s) required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:
 - [X] The amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on March 19, 2004.
 - [X] Applicants request a two-month extension of time from April 15, 2004 to June 15, 2004. A check to cover the \$420 Extension Fee is enclosed.
- [X] Also enclosed is:
 - [X] Return receipt postcard
 - [X] Check No. 2061 in the amount of \$1190.00 for the total fee as calculated below.
- [X] The fee for the request for continued examination is calculated as follows:

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	NO. OF CLAIMS	CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	72	- 72 =		x \$18.00	\$0
Independent Claims	1	-1 =		x \$86.00	\$0
Multiple dependent claims not previously presented, add \$280.00					\$0
Total Amendment Fee					\$0
Continued Examination Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) of \$770.00 (\$385.00)					\$770
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$770

[X] A check for the total fee is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

Dated: 5/24/04

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